

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the girls are being allured and sexually exploited in several parts of the country by false promises of providing jobs to them; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government to prevent such cases?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has taken the following steps to combat trafficking of children:

(i) Drawn up a National Plan of Action (1998) and constituted a Central Advisory Committee to combat trafficking, rescue and rehabilitate victims of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation, and activate legal and law enforcement systems to strengthen implementation of the ITPA.

(ii) Set up State Advisory Committees on Trafficking devolving authority and seeking to mobilize greater state resources in the fight against trafficking.

(iii) The Government has issued guidelines to the States for effective implementation of the Plan of Action and regularly reviews State action.

(iv) The Government has notified officers of the level of Inspector and above in the CBI as Trafficking Police Officers for investigation of inter-state trafficking cases.

(v) The Government is running various programmes on poverty alleviation, disaster management, women empowerment, education and awareness generation programme and special programmes for girls and adolescent.

(vi) The Government has resolved to implement the global Code of Ethics for tourism, which prohibits sexual exploitation of children for purpose of sex tourism. In addition Chief Secretaries of all the States/UTs and Director General (Tourism) have also been requested to make it legally binding for the hotels, lodging/boarding houses to prominently display at the reception counter anti trafficking messages and penal provisions against sexual exploitation.

(vii) A manual for sensitizing the Police force is being prepared in collaboration with UNICEF India Country Office. The Department of Women and Child Development, in partnership with UNICEF, is also in the process preparing for manual for the sensitization of the District and Taluka level Judiciary, under the aegis of National Human Rights Commission, on the subject of trafficking of women and children for commercial sexual exploitation. The manual would assist the judges of the taluka and district levels to implement the ITPA more effectively. Manual for Medical Officers and Social Workers dealing with child victims of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation completed.

(viii) The Government is conducting active advocacy against trafficking in partnership with NGOs. It has conducted 20 workshops all over the country. Another five workshops are proposed to be held during 2005-06.

(ix) Government of India has formulated a detailed Media Campaign using TV, Radio and Print. Apart from this both governments and NGOs are mobilizing social change through advocacy and community participation in programmes.

(x) This Department has formulated a model grant-in-aid scheme for assistance to NGOs to combat trafficking in source areas, traditional areas and destination areas through prevention, rescue and rehabilitation. Emphasis is placed on awareness generation, networking amongst various stakeholders, counseling, non-formal education and vocational training for prevention of trafficking. A dozen projects from reputed NGO from Delhi, Gurgaon, Pondicherry, Mysore, Mumbai; Andhra Pradesh has been sanctioned Rs.21.93 lakhs in the current financial year. About 400 Short Stay Homes and 100 Swadhar Homes has set up across the country for rehabilitation of women in difficult circumstances.

(xi) The Government is amending the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 to make it more stringent for traffickers and humane to victim.